

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AND
THE NEW JERSEY STATE PLANNING COMMISSION**

The New Jersey State Planning Commission (hereinafter the Commission) adopted the first State Development and Redevelopment Plan (hereinafter the Plan) on June 12, 1992. The Plan was created through a landmark consensus-building process between citizens and all levels of government, and supports the goals of cutting government costs and investing in New Jersey's future. State agencies have since been directed to utilize the Plan in planning, monitoring and investment activities.

In adhering to these objectives, the Commission and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (hereinafter DVRPC) agree to cooperatively endeavor to implement the Plan.

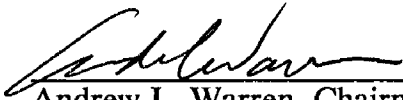
The Commission is responsible for maintaining and updating the Plan; preparing a state-wide infrastructure needs assessment; preparing procedures for cooperation and coordination between State and local agencies; review of state planning, capital and legislative initiatives; and technical assistance to local governments. DVRPC is responsible for maintaining and updating the long-range transportation and land use plan for the Philadelphia metropolitan area as the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Additional planning roles include transportation and air quality responsibilities under the Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) as well as continuing water quality planning for Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties through the region's Tri-County Water Quality Management Board (WQMB). DVRPC also undertakes regional policy analyses and high priority strategic studies for the city, county and state agencies represented on its Board, as well as providing technical assistance, data and services to the public and private sector. The member governments of Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer counties and the cities of Camden and Trenton participate in regional decision-making at the DVRPC Board and are responsible for county-level planning and coordination with local municipalities.

The Commission and DVRPC hereby agree that their joint endeavors to implement the Plan will focus on encouraging growth and development at locations and in patterns recommended by the strategies and policies contained in the Plan; and in ways that will also simultaneously encourage the accomplishment of the missions of DVRPC, its member governments and other State agencies to meet the region's mobility needs and Clean Air Act requirements.

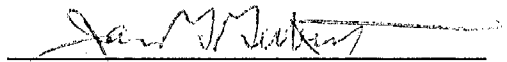
DVRPC and the Commission hereby agree to cooperate to do the following to implement the Plan:

- 1) Promote collaborative data base development and the exchange of information between the agencies, and establish appropriate institutional mechanisms to ensure that data base development and the exchange of information occur, particularly emphasizing compatibility of data among GIS platforms.
- 2) Support the Office of State Planning (hereinafter OSP) in the fulfillment of its statutory responsibilities with respect to its planning activities, including, but not necessarily limited to, the legislative mandated infrastructure needs assessment and monitoring and evaluation program. Likewise, OSP will support DVRPC in its responsibility for preparing and maintaining the region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and aviation, port facility, land use, housing, and water and sewer system planning.
- 3) DVRPC and OSP will establish policies to facilitate the development of "*centers*" and to encourage development in ways consistent with the policy objectives of the "*planning areas*" constituting the "*Resource and Management Structure*" of the Plan. DVRPC's long-range land use and transportation plan for the region — DIRECTION 2020 — is based on a system of "*centers*" and "*corridors*" that are consistent with the Centers identified in the Plan. The Commission will participate throughout the preparation of DIRECTION 2020, together with the counties, NJDOT, NJT and other appropriate agencies, to assure consistency between the planning policies of DIRECTION 2020 and the planning objectives of the State and county plans. DVRPC and the Commission, together with the counties, will coordinate their technical assistance efforts to local governments to promote these planning principles.
- 4) Coordinate and cooperate with NJDOT, the counties and other appropriate agencies in regard to population and employment forecasting for the purposes of infrastructure sizing, including but not limited to highway, transit and other transportation needs.
- 5) Maximize opportunities for collaboration on projects of mutual interest, by identifying the available resources of each agency that may be appropriately applied toward a given project. Resources may be shared, where available, to proceed jointly as partners on projects of benefit to the region and the state.
- 6) Encourage ongoing coordination and joint decision-making, by the Commission participating as a non-voting member of policy and technical committees of DVRPC, including but not limited to, the DVRPC Board, Regional Transportation Committee and Planning Coordinating Committee. DVRPC will participate in Commission meetings, including but not limited to State Agency Monthly meetings and the Land Use, Transportation and Air Quality Subcommittee.

Furthermore, it is hereby acknowledged by the Commission and DVRPC that the Plan is a policy guide, *"adopted to serve as an instrument of State policy to guide State agencies and local government in the exercise of governmental powers regarding planning, infrastructure investment and other public actions and initiatives that affect and support economic growth and development in the State."* However, while DVRPC supports the principles and policies of the Plan, both DVRPC and the Commission hereby acknowledge the interactive and dynamic nature of the State and the regional planning processes that may result in changes to both the State and/or regional plan over time.



Andrew L. Warren, Chairman
Delaware Valley Regional
Planning Commission



James G. Gilbert, Chair
New Jersey State Planning
Commission

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